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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
vs.  
KYLE CHRISTOPHER BENTON,  
Plaintiff,  
Defendant.  
No. 2:24-cr-00162-TL  
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**DEFENDANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION**  
**TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE AND**  
**PRETRIAL DEADLINES**  
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**NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2024**  
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COMES NOW the Defendant, KYLE CHRISTOPHER BENTON, by and through his attorneys, Dawn Farina and Casey Arbenz of Puget Law Group, without objection from Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Wynne, and respectfully moves this court for an order continuing the trial date and corresponding pretrial motions deadlines.

Mr. Benton is charged with one count of Unlawful Possession of a Machinegun in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Sections 922(o), and one count of Possession of an Unregistered Firearm in violation of Title 26, U.S.C. Sections 5681(d) and 5845(1)(3), and first appeared before a United States Magistrate Judge on September 6, 2024. Trial in this matter is currently scheduled on November 25, 2024.

Undersigned counsel was only recently retained and needs to obtain discovery, and will need sufficient time to adequately review the materials. Undersigned counsel will need

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1 additional time to meet and confer with Mr. Benton to prepare a defense. Undersigned  
2 counsel will also need time to engage in discussions and negotiations with counsel for the  
3 Government. For these reasons, counsel requests the Court find:

4 (a) taking into account the exercise of due diligence, a failure to grant a  
5 continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation due  
6 to counsel's need for more time to review the evidence, consider possible defenses, and gather  
7 evidence material to the defense, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv);

9 (b) a failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of justice, as  
10 set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i);

12 (c) the time requested is a reasonable period of delay as the defendant has requested  
13 more time to prepare for trial, to investigate the matter, to gather evidence material to the  
14 defense, and to consider possible defenses;

15 (d) the ends of justice will best be served by a continuance, and the ends of justice  
16 outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in any speedier trial, as set forth in 18  
17 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A); and

19 (e) the time between the current and requested trial dates is necessary to provide  
20 counsel reasonable time to prepare for trial considering counsel's schedule and all the facts set  
21 forth above.

22 Mr. Benton has executed a speedy trial waiver acknowledging that he is waiving  
23 speedy trial rights under the Sixth Amendment and the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161–  
24 3174, and agreeing that the period from the date of the Court's order to the new trial date shall  
25 be excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The waiver will be filed with this  
26 motion. Therefore, counsel respectfully requests the continuance of the trial date to a date  
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1 convenient to the court and an extension of the pretrial motions deadline to a date consistent  
2 with the new trial date. Counsel respectfully requests the court to not set the trial date for the  
3 months of February and April 2025 due to unavailability of Assistant United States Attorney  
4 and Defense Counsel. Counsel further asks the Court to exclude the period from the date of  
5 the Court's order to the new trial date for purposes of computing the time limitations imposed  
6 by the Speedy Trial Act.

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8 For these reasons, the defense requests that the court find that failure to grant the  
9 request would deny counsel reasonable time to prepare for trial as set forth in 18 U.S.C. §  
10 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv), that such a denial of a continuance would result in a miscarriage of justice  
11 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), and that the ends of justice will be served by a  
12 continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial pursuant  
13 to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

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15 DATED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024, in Tacoma, WA.

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24 I certify that this pleading contains 602 words, in  
25 compliance with the Local Criminal Rules.  
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